

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jason Vreeland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Jason Vreeland, Katie Rae Preston, Joyce Compton, Eric Reed, Courtney Lyons-Garcia

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider approval of the July 8, 2025 Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Courtney Lyons-Garica made a motion to approve the minutes, Eric Reed seconded.

4. RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) August Recognitions and Announcements

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Ken Wilson, Director, spoke on several department recognitions and announcements including the transition of Chad Donegan to Assistant Director and Ken Wilson to Director, Stephanie Chelar's expanded Recreation Manager role, and Tiffany Ross's new position as Aquatic Supervisor.

Upcoming events:

-Soul Searching tickets go on sale - August 15th

-Willard Canyon Ribbon Cutting - August 20th 9:30am

-Doggie Dip Day - September 7th

5. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Park and Recreation Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Board action at this time.

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

No citizens spoke at this time.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A) Northwest Park Master Plan Update

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Brenadette Faust, Capital Projects Manager, gave an update on the activities to date with the Northwest Park Master Plan.

-Total acreage 145.52 acres with the land acquisition and donated land from the Parks Foundation.

-Five major scopes of work: Site Analysis, Needs Assessment, Public Engagement, Master Planning, and Schematic Design.

-Currently in the Public Engagement stage.

-Tree Survey is complete - 4,416 trees over 6" in diameter, oaks and elms

-Archeological and environment surveys completed

-City Leadership visited comparable parks for amenities of interest

-Public Engagement has included City Leadership, Parks, Trails, and Community Stakeholders, and City Staff.

-Adjacent Neighborhood survey - 338 responses

-Shade, playgrounds, natural trails among most requested amenities

-Draft Master Plan Workshop this week and Public Open House in Sept.

-Next Step: Master Plan Development, then Schematic Design

B) Landa Park Drive Tree

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Josh King, Urban Forester, spoke on a specific pecan tree located along Landa Park Drive in front of the Landa Recreation Center. The tree has a 24 degree lean into the roadway and infrastructure surrounding the tree is failing. Plan moving forward is to have the tree removed.

C) Appointment to River Activities Committee Discussion

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Chad Donegan, Assistant Director, spoke on the Board member appointment to the River Activities Committee for the next board term. There will be an action item for appointment in the September Board Meeting. Applications for this position are currently available and will close on Sept 30.

D) Park Projects Update

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Jeff Bransford, Park Development Manager, provided the Board an update on the current park projects.

-Willard Canyon ribbon cutting on August 20th. Almost 1 mile of trail has now been completed. Kiosk and a picnic table has been added. Thank you to the Parks Foundation for the funding for the trail building.

-Mission Hill phase 2, construction continues, rough grading has been completed, still on track for opening in Spring 2026.

-Zipp Family Sport Park - all areas will be sodded. Brody Dillard, Golf Course Superintendent will assist with outfield grass grow in. Anticipating a summer 2026 opening.

-Das Rec backyard improvement, shade structure and improved turf yard installed.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

1. Master Plan Update - Sept or Oct
2. End of Summer Wrap Up

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATION

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Board Liaison

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